

REMARKS**Status of the Claims**

Independent claims 1 and 2 are pending.

Summary of the Office Action

Claim 1 is rejected on the basis of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,692,321.

Claim 2 is rejected on the basis of obviousness-type double patenting over claim 9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,692,321.

Response to the Office Action

For the purpose of overcoming both of the rejections, Applicant has attached hereto a terminal disclaimer, in accordance with Section 804.02 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner that the terminal disclaimer is signed by Ms. Clotilde Turleque, who is the general counsel for the assignee of the instant application and the aforementioned U.S. Patent No. 6,692,321. Further, Applicant notes that in line 4 of the final paragraph of the terminal disclaimer is an assertion that Ms. Turleque is empowered to act on behalf of the assignee.

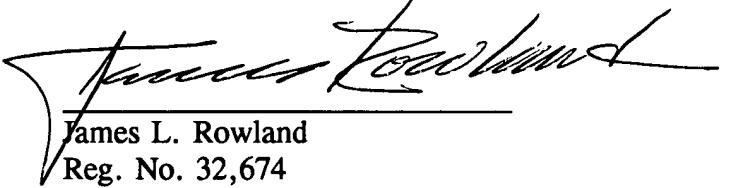
In view of the filing of the attached terminal disclaimer, withdrawal of the rejections are kindly requested.

A check is enclosed for payment of the fee for the terminal disclaimer, pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR §1.321. No additional fee is believed to be due at this time. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee required for acceptance of this reply as timely and complete to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Further, although no extension of time is believed to be necessary at this time, if it were to be found that an extension of time were necessary to render this reply timely and/or complete, Applicant requests an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136(a) in the necessary increment(s) of month(s) to render this reply timely and/or complete and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary extension of time fee under 37 CFR §1.17 to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Any comments or questions concerning this application can be directed to the undersigned at the telephone or fax number given below.

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Attachment: Terminal Disclaimer